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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There are at present 80 maistris employed by the department and these are distributed as follows:—

I Circle	... ...	13
II ,,	... ...	6
III ,,	... ...	10
IV ,,	... ...	12
V ,,	... ...	7
VI ,,	... ...	13
VII ,,	... ...	9
VIII ,,	... ...	10
		80

The Government have no information about the exact places where these maistris are now working.

(*c*) These maistris are attached to Agricultural Demonstrators and aid them in demonstrating improved methods of agriculture and the use of improved implements. They are used to construct Sindewahe furnaces, to give demonstration with iron ploughs, roll-easy whote wheels, the drill sowing of cotton, the wrapping and propping of sugarcanes, the thin sowing of paddy nurseries, the economic transplanting of paddy, etc.

Cost of running the Taliparamba agricultural farm.

*395 *Q.*—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual cost of running the Taliparamba agricultural farm;

(*b*) whether it is an experimental farm; and

(*c*) if so, what experiments were till now done in the farm and with what result?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to page 17 of the annual report of the Taliparamba Experiment Station for 1927–28.

(*b*) It is an experimental station.

(*c*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the annual reports of this station.

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Liabilities of the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

*396 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total liabilities of the Carnatic Paper Mills were when the first loan was made; and

(*b*) whether the Government gave that loan on the condition that the firm should utilize the amount for paying up its liabilities and for no other purpose?

A.—(*a*) Rupees 5,81,202.

(*b*) Yes.